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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

***Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub. No. 425X); BNSF Railway Company—
Abandonment Exemption—in Chase, Morris, Marion and Dickinson Counties,
KS.***

Dear Secretary Williams:

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—Exempt Abandonments, to abandon a 25.57-mile line of railroad between BNSF milepost 0.00 near Neva and milepost 25.45 near Lost Springs, in Chase, Morris, Marion and Dickinson Counties, KS. Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on September 29, 2004 (69 FR 58226-27). The exemption became effective on October 29, 2004.

By decision served September 28, 2005, the Board granted BNSF's request for an extension of time for filing its notice of consummation until June 1, 2006. Scheduling difficulties with salvagers have hampered salvage activities. Accordingly, BNSF is requesting an extension of the consummation date until June 1, 2007.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 338-1325.

Sincerely,

Sidney L. Strickland, Jr.
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